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WHITAKER'S MILL is a rubble stone structure, two and onehalf storeys above grade on the north side, facing the road, three and one-half storeys on its south side. It is four bays in length with a gabled roof, which extends beyond all four stone walls in a moderately-wide, plain overhang. High in the west gable is a stone inscribed: 1851

F. WHITAKER

The structure ceased being a grist mill about 1900 and was adapted as a barn, the milling apparatus removed. it was adapted as a dwelling house, its present function. last adaptation was designed by Addison Worthington, A.I.A., Architect, of Baltimore.

The entrance to the principal or middle storey is through the second bay from the west in the north facade. That entrance was much enlarged as a barn door and the enlarged masonry opening is now filled with a large bay window and entrance door, the whole sheltered by a shed-roofed hood. A secondary entrance to t m the principal storey is centered in the west end and it retains its original upper and lower doors. Secondary entrances to the ground storey, in the south facade, are through each outer bay. The millrace was beneath the easterly bay of the structure, entering through the large segmental arch in the ground storey of the north facade, a full storey below the entrance, beneath a stone retaining wall. No arch is apparent on the south facade; apparently the tailrace passed through the opening which is now a door. A small arch on the east end supports masonry above what was the axle of the millwheel, which was probably an undershot wheel. Masonry above windows is supported by large, roughly-worked lintels and the exterior corners are formed by Two small windows in the gable large, roughly-worked quoins. ends and two dormers on the south roof slope light the attic storey; two similar dormers on the north slope have been re-An original single-flue brick chimney rises from the peak of the east gable and a modern chimney rises internally from the eave of the south facade, in the westerly bay. The original east chimney originates in the principal storey toward the northeast corner; it rises in the attic diagonally against the gable wall.

Internally, the original chamfered columns and girders divide the structure into three bays: the westerly bay and the bay adjacent to it correspond to the bays suggested by the masonry openings; the easterly structural bay includes two of the bays suggested by the masonry openings. This framing system extends from the ground storey to the attic where the columns are canted outwardly, supporting purlins and horizontal tie beams which form a trussed roof system. Diagonal braces extend from the canted columns to both the collar beams and horizontal tie beams. The common rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge and collar beams are let/and nailed to the rafters midway between purlins and ridge.

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WHITAKER'S MILL

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The original structural system determined the contemporary floor plan, designed by Addison Worthington, A.I.A. The central of the three structural bays became a large entrance hall with an open staircase rising to the second floor; the kitchen occupies the southerly third of this bay; the westerly bay includes a narrow hall leading to the original west door, flanked by a library and an office; the large easterly bay became the living room. Interior finishes recall the character of the original; partitions are of vertical boards, the columns, girders and floor joists are exposed.

Adjacent to the mill, on the west, is the Miller's House. It is a rubble stone structure one and one-half storeys in height, two bays in length, with a gable roof and flush end chimneys of brick. Oriented with its gable-end north, to the road, each bay comprises a single room. The original entrance to the house is in the north end, near the northeast corner; it is balanced with a 6/6 window near the northwest corner; the two windows of each side are, likewise 6/6; no windows are in the south gable end. Grade falls nearly a full storey towards the south, allowing the basement or ground floor to be nearly above grade at that end. An entrance to the basement storey is in the southerly bay of the east side and windows in each other bay light the basement storey. Two dormers in each roof slope, each with 6/6 sash, light the second storey.

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A frame west wing, of similar size and shape, parallels the original structure, linked to it by a short frame and glass entrance hyphen. Exterior walls are sheathed in vertical cedar boards and windows are pairs of casements, void of muntins. The wing, containing two bedrooms and bath, was designed by James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A., Havre de Grace, Maryland, and constructed in 1975.

Although the present mill was built in 1851, the property on which it stands was the site of at least two other mills previously.

The site of this mill was an early grant called "Small" surveyed for Thomas Bond on July 15, 1742. An advertisement in the <u>Maryland Journal</u> and <u>Baltimore Advertiser</u> on May 22, 1792 offered for sale this tract of 20 acres "improved by a stone mill house and dwelling house."

The first mill, however, is beleived to have been constructed of log and frame. This mill is shown on Griffith's map of Maryland in 1794 as "Gibbon's Mill". Joshua Gibson had purchased the property from John Willson in 1793.

In 1805, a land transfer added 18% acres of the adjoining tract "Dunkeel" to the "Small" tract. Dunkeel was originally patented by Gilbert Scott in 1699.

Franklin + Rachel Whitaker purchased the property in 1846. The present mill, built in 1851, is shown on Herrick's Map of 1858 as "Duncale's Mill." Eventually the mill was refered to as "Whitaker's Mill."

When the Mill was offered for sale in 1951, the old wooden gears and other machinery were still intact within the building. This mill had been unique in that it had been one of the few in Harford County to use an undershot wheel.

Among the many owners of portions of this mill site are:

Dr. Thomas Bond 1742
John Willson
Howell and Edward Mitchell 1819
Caleb Pue 1831
Franklin and Rachel Whitaker 1846
Mr. Robert Natwick
Mrs. Blaine
Wm. P. Hicks II

Section two is clapboard, 2 bays by one. It also has a slate roof and windows 6 lights over six. An entrance is present on the east facade. This door is constructed of vertical beaded board. A wooden hood is present over this door.

Spring house HA-769

A spring house fitting Jean Ewing's description could not be found on the premises. An aluminum construction was built over a trickle of a stream, but this did not appear to be of any significance.

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This historic district includes a log and frame house on the north side of Whitaker Mill Road, a rubble stone mill and miller's house on the south side of Whitaker Mill Road and a single span, bow string arch, pony truss, iron bridge which spans Winters Run near the intersection of Whitaker Mill Road and Ring Factory Road. This includes 15.679 acres, more or less.

Whitaker's Mill is a rubble stone structure, two and one-half stories above grade on the north side, facing the road, three and one-half stories on its south side. It is four bays in length with a gabled roof, which extends beyond all four stone walls in a moderately-wide, plain overhang. High in the west gable is a stone inscribed: "1851 F. Whitaker".

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The Magness home, located on the north side of Whitaker Mill Road is situated on ground once known as "Small Parcel." The dwelling consists of two units, the larger of which is a two and one half story bevelled frame structure with wide batten trim. The smaller unit is a one and one half story log structure, covered with frame and attached to the eastern side of the larger portion. The larger, more recent unit is three bays by four. Windows are six lights over six and the doors have elaborate sidelights and transoms. This section is arranged in a-side through hall floor plan, two rooms deep.

There are two 6/6 gabled dormers on either side of the roof of the frame unit and two 4/4 gabled dormers on the southern slope of the log section, with one in the rear. Both units sit on low stone foundations.

A five-bay, shed-roof porch covers most of the western face of the structure, the roofs are gable flank-asphalt on the larger unit and wood shingles on the smaller one. Two brick chimneys, with corbelled caps, are situated parallel near the western end of the main section, while a third is on the eastern inside-end of the log unit. One unusual feature of the main building is an intricately patterned arched window, underneath the northern gable. The log wing also has a shed addition along the rear, with a board-and-batten door. The stone remnants of a springhouse can also be found near here.

Bridge #51 is a single span, bow string arch, pony truss, iron bridge which spans Winters Run near the intersection of Whitaker Mill Road and Ring Factory Road. This bridge originally had a wooden deck but this was replaced sometime during the last ten years by metal grating. The bridge has a holding capacity of ten tons. The web is triangular in outline and appear to be equilateral not unlike the description of a Warren truss. Dimensions of Bridge #51 are as follows:

clearance: 14 feet length: 72 feet width: 13 feet

The bridge is both pinned and riveted. The Harford County Department of Public Works has no information on either the construction date or its engineer.

The area included in this historic district nomination consists of the homes and other structures associated with the homes, lawns and fields, and the heavily wooded banks of Winters Run.

A proposal to remove the iron bridge, straighten the curve in Whitaker Mill Road, and construct a modern wider bridge at a slightly different location, will destroy the natural beauty of this setting as well as the habitat of many wild flora and fauna.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This district, which includes Whitaker's Mill, the miller's house, the frame and log dwelling situated on "Small Parcel," and the single span iron bridge crossing Winters Run, is significant for its historic associations with the development of the mill industry near Wilna as well as for its natural beauty.

Grist mills were once a vital element of every farming community. The natural waterpower available in this region allowed many mills, but the changes in agricultural technology, the elimination of so much farmland in favor of urbanization, and periodic flooding—for mills by their very nature were most often built in areas susceptible to flooding—have made them rare structures.

WHITAKER'S MILL represents perhaps the second generation of mills in the region, built after the region was developed to a high state of cultivation, and, therefore, large and substantial.

The tract on which the frame and log house stands, is one of the oldest in the county, patented as Dunkeil in 1683 by Daniel Scott, and this was conveyed to Gilbert Scott in 1699. Another early owner was one of the Bonds. Part of this part of Dunkeil or Duncale, surveyed as Small, was associated with nearby milling operations. A frame and log mill had been in existence prior to 1800, and when it burned, the timbers were used for the construction of a carriage house. The log section of the present home was the original dwelling, built either by John Wilson or James Trapnesl. Wilson, in 1783 owned the gristmill and 25 acres of Dunkeil and 18 acres of Small. Trapnell possessed 475 acres of Dunkeil in that year, and in 1798 served on the petit jury. He was named overseer of area roads in 1800. Throughout the 1800's the owner of the mill also had the log house. The main unit of this house was most likely built soon after the mill (1851), by the Whitaker family. In 1878 Martenet Map lists the owner as F. Whitaker. From 1897 until 1938.

Bridge #51, which spans Vinters Run at Whitaker Mill Road, is endangered by proposed road improvements. The bridge was probably constructed in the late eighteen hundreds and represents one of a few remaining historic iron bridges in Harford County. A report of a severe flood in 1885 appeared in the Aegis newspaper of that time and mentioned an iron bridge over Winters Run at Whitaker Mill. It is assumed that the bridge in question and the one mentioned in the article are one and the same.

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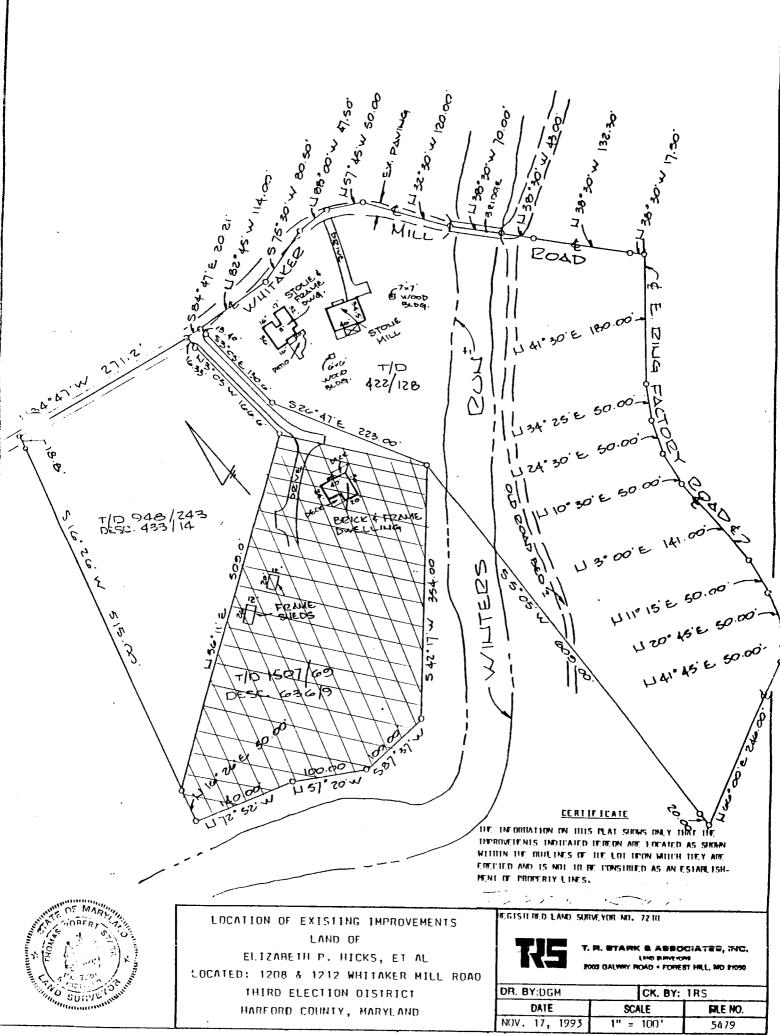
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	422	128	9/29/1954	Grantor: Grantee:	Elizabeth H. Blain William Paul, II and Elizabeth Hicks, his wife
				Acreage:	7.60 acres more or less
GRG	391	242	3/23/1953	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Conduit, Inc. Elizabeth H. Blain Buildings
GRG	291	238	1/30/1953	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	his wife Conduit, Inc.
GRG	361	341	8/20/1951	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	H. Lewis Gardiner and Janie S. Gardiner, his wife Joseph H. and Elizabeth Blain, his wife Buildings
GRG	309	17	9/16/1947	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Bertha M. Murray H. Lewis and Janie S. Gardiner, his wife 79 acres more or less
ALJ	20	297	5/31/1938	Granter: Grantee: Acreage:	Last Will and Testament of John T. Magness Bertha M. Murray 79 acres more or less
DGW	211	347	2/28/1929	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	John T. Magness John T. Magness, Jr. Buildings "Duncale" or "Dunkale" and "Small Addition to Gibson's Ridge" 76 acres more or less
WSF	92	391	12/28/1897	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	John T. Magness and wife Mary J. Norris 76 acres more or less buildings
HDG	32	63	3/12/1846	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	

HD	14	171	6/9/1831	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Howell Mitchell Caleb Pue "Small" "Dunkale" 38 acres more or less
HD	3	497	8/17/1819		Michael Feetherman Howell Mitchell and Edward Mitchell 20 acres more or less "Doncale"



BUILD IN HATCHED AREA, AS PER ARTICLE I (A)(2) REVISEO DEC. 21, 1993 TD SHOW THIRD PARCEL OF LAND OWNED BY ELIZABETH P. HICKS BY DEED RECORDED IN LIBER 948 FOLIO 243.





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